

SENATE BILL 3617

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to confidentiality of animal disease diagnostic records maintained by the department of agriculture.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (9) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(9) Official health certificates collected and maintained by the state veterinarian pursuant to rule chapter 0080-2-1 of the department of agriculture and laboratory records maintained in the animal disease diagnostic laboratory operated by the department of agriculture, including, but not limited to, such records containing the identification and location of owners submitting animal samples, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.